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TO : Deputy Director/Intelligence
FROM : Assistant Director/Current Intelligence
SUBJECT: Comment on FBI Report [REDACTED] 25X1A2gx

1. This report appears to be at least the third in a series of alarming and disturbing but not very helpful reports, believed to emanate from the same source. OGI has commented adversely on the two preceding reports. The information may be actually passed by MGB officials, but that would not make it necessarily reliable or true. Although there is inadequate information available as a check against the veracity of the report in all of its details, each paragraph has been analyzed and comment has been made where applicable. In general this report contains nothing that a shrewd observer could not construct from available public information.

2. The FBI representative presented this report at the IAC Watch Committee meeting on Wednesday, 18 February. It was discussed but no agency representative considered it of sufficient merit to warrant its inclusion in the Watch Committee Report.

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Comment on FBI Report [REDACTED] Dated 10 February 1953

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Paragraph Summary

Comment

Stalin is very ill and Malenkov is acting for him. Soviets will initiate offensive through Turkey and Yugoslavia in spring, 1953 or 1954, unless Stalin is still alive. Stalin will not permit Soviets to start a war.

During recent interviews Stalin appeared in good health. Report of attack on Yugoslavia also received [REDACTED] but there is no supporting evidence

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[REDACTED] There are no specific signs that such an attack is being prepared. Stalin's reluctance to start war was also reported in 1951, by what is believed to be the same source. This statement on Stalin's attitude is common to all such reports.

Tito must be eliminated within three months after January 1953. Croatsians being trained near Vienna to do the eliminating. Two persons available to replace Tito.

No confirmation. Rumors have been received of the planned assassination of Tito by exiled groups during his scheduled trip to UK.

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Soviets have made "fantastic technical and chemical" achievements in Siberia. They must anticipate US actions with a "warrior" now in the White House.

[REDACTED] reported in September 1951 on Soviet research on "colossal things" against which America would not dare to fight.

MGB leaders more apprehensive of enemies within USSR than those outside. Old party members must return to old revolutionary ways of terror to reverse tendency to grow away from the masses. Beria is in trouble and will have more when Stalin dies.

All this can be inferred from circumstances surrounding the "doctors plot" and is regarded as a probably accurate appraisal. Beria in trouble is a logical inference from present developments but cannot be substantiated at present.

The Soviets believe they must have "terror and sabotage" in US.

FBI reports no evidence of foreign influence in recent train wrecks caused by brake failure or in plane crashes.

Soviets seeking to compromise Eisenhower but "a couple of setups" failed.

No evidence.

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